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ACTION MEMORANDUM ^{SR}
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TO : P-Robert M. Kimmitt 9016911 X
FROM : IO - John S. Wolf, Acting 90 JUL-27 6:56 PM
SUBJECT: Proposed Travel of Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering
to Beijing, August 24-26, 1990

Issue for Decision

Whether to authorize Ambassador Pickering's travel to Beijing for pre-UNGA consultations.

Essential Factors

USUN has proposed that Ambassador Pickering visit Beijing in August in the context of his pre-UNGA consultations in East Asia. Other destinations include Seoul, Tokyo, and several ASEAN capitals. Ambassador Pickering cancelled a similar visit last year in the wake of the Tiananmen Square incident.

Background

The purpose of the visit is to discuss multilateral issues only. There will be no discussion of bilateral U.S.-PRC issues. In the Mission's view, pre-UNGA consultation is a necessary and useful extension of the ongoing multilateral consultations with the Chinese that take place in New York in the context of the Perm Five, of the Security Council as a whole, and in the various committees of the United Nations. China's position as a permanent member of the Security Council makes such consultation unavoidable.

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We share USUN's concern. [

] While we understand the final decision must be judged through a broader prism, John Bolton and I see merit in this travel.

Recommendation

That you approve Ambassador Pickering's visit to China and transmittal of the attached Roy-Scowcroft Memorandum.

Approve _____

Disapprove ☒ _____

Attachment:

Roy-Scowcroft Memorandum

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